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Summary

1. The Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (CPCGN) has established guidelines to assist its members in the practice of geographical naming. These guidelines help to provide clear, unambiguous designations for places and landscape features, thereby creating a standardized reference system for transportation, communication, planning and development.

2. Fourteen naming principles are presented with accompanying explanatory notes and information. As these guidelines have proved useful to names authorities in both French- and English-speaking countries, the CPCGN is now providing a Spanish translation, to make this type of practical tool for geographical names standardization available to a wider audience.